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Preliminary plan approved for Dillsburg Strip Mall

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Dillsburg Borough Council Tuesday evening approved the preliminary land development plan for the Dillsburg Strip Mall.

According to Borough Manager J. Chaswick Wagner, the one-story, 11,000 square foot structure will be located on the vacant lot between North Baltimore Street and Route 15, and between CCNB Bank and the Logan Estate.

According to the preliminary plan, 52 parking spaces will be situated toward the bank, and the building will sit next to the Logan property.

Access to the mall will be off North Baltimore Street and off Route 15.

In designing the plan, Consulting Engineer Michael D. Lehman of Walter Heine Associates, Inc., said he worked closely with Borough Manager Wagner and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). Lehman said the mall can house up to six stores.

Forbes and Sons Construction of Thomasville near East Berlin, will be building the mall, Lehman said.

Although no tenants have committed themselves to the mall, Lehman said Mr. Forbes has met with interested representatives of a drug store chain and an eating establishment.

In recent months, the council has been encouraging the Dillsburg Police Department to reduce overtime hours. At the Tuesday meeting, Mayor Rustic and Officer Carlos Trump explained to council that several circumstances have caused the overtime hours to rise this month.

"In the last week or so, (the department) has been very, very busy with all kinds of infractions in the Borough and in Franklin Township," Rustic reported.

Later, Officer Trump elaborated on the Mayor's comment.

"Nothing out-of-the-ordinary has happened here," he assured. However, the department has been extremely busy, which is typical in the summertime, he added.

Vacationers passing through the area add to the traffic details, he explained. The officers also have been spending a lot of time in court, he said.

"York County has a bad system for its on-call court," he said. "It gives the officers very little notice," Trump told the council.

Another officer must cover for the on-duty officer who is called into the courtroom. This often results in the relieving officer to work over time, he explained.

Paperwork and court appearances are time-consuming, the officer stressed.

"If you get a DUI (Driving under the Influence) arrest, you're tied up for approximately three hours," Trump told the council.

In other police department matters, the council agreed to purchase bullet proof vests and carriers for Officers La Porta and Magee, as well as covers for the vests currently used by Officers Carlos Trump and Dean Trump. The purchase is conditional to all officers signing waiver forms as to whether or not they agree to wear the vests.

"It's not a question of whether or not we're going to buy the vests. We want those liability forms signed as to whether or not they are going to wear the vests," Councilman John Shambaugh explained.

In a police department personnel matter, the council approved Jonathan Emig, a 32-year-old Criminal Justice student at HACC, to enroll in a police cadet program in the borough, upon approval of the department.

With Chief Glenn Smith out of town due to a death in the family, the department has yet to review the candidate's references, the mayor said. Plans to discuss the regionalization of local police forces are on hold until Carroll Township selects two individuals to meet with Dillsburg's mayor and himself, Council President John Creavey said.

In other business, the council accepted the resignation of James Weary, sewer treatment plant operator, effective July 7. It also agreed to advertise for a person to fill that vacant position.

In an unusual action, the council voted to transfer the deed to a small strip of land along Chestnut Street back to Larry Cocklin.

Earlier this year, Cocklin had "given" the borough the deed to a small, grassy plot across the street from the funeral home.

Solicitor William Schrack explained to the council that anyone can transfer a deed to another party, usually to benefit the recipient.

Due to the on-going road construction project on Chestnut Street, the land owner is required to install sidewalk and curbing.

"Let's deed it to PennDOT," Councilman Darwin Moyer joked.



Pictured above from left to right, bottom row are: Rev. Gilbert Livingston, John (Park) Morris, Dick Diller, Rev. Stanley Peters, Robert Cook. Middle Row: Esther Books Morris, Janet Hess Zinn, Janice Crawford Cressey, Anna Spahr Stough, Mary Jane Thompson Firestone, Betty Shillito Bowman, John (Clair) Baker. Top Row: Charlotte Otto Pelton, Jeanne Stewart Evans, Richard Deardorff, Harold Wolf.

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Dillsburg High Class of 1940 celebrates 50th year reunion

A 50th year reunion for the Dillsburg High School Class of 1940 was held at the Allenberry Playhouse on June 30. Former students in attendance are pictured above. To the right is a picture of the Dillsburg High School as it stood in 1920. Below is a picture of the graduating class of 1940.

Photos courtesy of Mrs. Esther Morris

